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Incident: Single Vehicle Collision Personal Injury
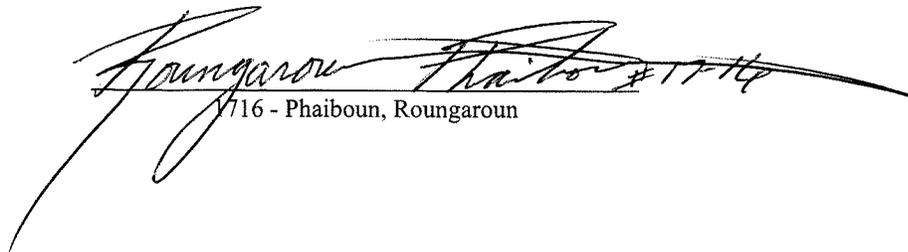
Date of Incident: 03/19/26 at 16:04

Location of Incident: 300TH ST / ORCHID AVE, MASON CITY, IA 50401

Details of Incident:

On March 19th, 2026, at 16:04 Hours, the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office responded to 300th Street and Orchid Ave for a single accident report. The driver, Ray Oppman, 52, of Belmond, Ia was traveling East on 300th Street traversing a curve heading towards the railroad tracks when he lost control of the 2000 Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS experiencing mechanical issues. The vehicle went off the road entered the South shoulder traveling Eastbound and ran over the Union Pacific railroad tracks. Ray Oppman was treated on site, complaining of leg pain and was later taken to Mercy One ER by the MCFD ambulance for a follow up. The passenger, Frank Oppman, 59, of Mason City, Ia was treated on site for minor injuries but signed off with medics on scene. Occupants' protection was used and there was airbag deployment. The accident is under investigation.

Investigating Agency: Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office

Assisting Agencies: Iowa State Patrol
Mason City Fire Department

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